



Gary Richard Herbert

Governor

Declaration

Whereas, flooding causes more damage in the United States than any other severe weather-related event;

Whereas, the potential for flooding and flash flooding increases during the winter and spring seasons in Utah;

Whereas, flooding produced by snowmelt in northern Utah, during June 2010, caused 6.5 million dollars in flood damage;

Whereas, flooding produced by a winter storm in southern Utah, in December of 2010, caused an estimated 5.8 million dollars in flood damage;

Whereas, Utah and the western United States rely on spring runoff from mountain snowpack for city, agriculture, and industry water supplies;

Whereas, Utah residents can prepare themselves for flooding and other natural disasters by having a disaster supply kit containing food, water, clothing, and supplies; and

Whereas, government agencies and many volunteer organizations are committed to helping educate Utahns about flood hazards, thereby helping prepare our residents before floods strike, protecting lives and livelihoods;

Now, Therefore, I, Gary R. Herbert, Governor of the State of Utah, do hereby declare March 14 - 18, 2011 as

Flood Safety Awareness Week

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